

Forest Land- Wardha

Diversion of 31.56 ha. Zudpi Forest land for construction of Ajansara Barrge Project in favour of Wardha Irrigation Project in Wardha District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD- 3307/C.R.289/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 25.03.2025**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/I.D.11271/764/07-08, dt.04.08.2007.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No. FLD- 3307/C.R.289/F-10, dt.18.09.2007.
- 3) Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bhopal Letter NO.6-MHC067/2007-BHO/956, dt. 25.04.2008.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-11271/380/20-21, dt.18.08.2020.
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/I/ID-11271/1193/2020-21, dt.08.02.2021.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-11271(13)/1792/2021-22, dt.14.12.2021.
Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/ID-11271/295/2022-23, dt.06.05.2022.
- 5) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter F.NO.6 MHC-067/2007-BHO/9761, dt. 27.05.2022.
- 6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA/S2/PID-11271/Nagpur/2413/2024-25, dt.30.01.2025.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for Diversion of 31.56 ha. Zudpi Forest land for construction of Ajansara Barrge Project in favour of Wardha Irrigation Project in Wardha District under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 31.56 ha forest Land for the

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above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No. 4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 31.56 ha. Zudpi Forest land for construction of Ajansara Barrge Project in favour of Wardha Irrigation Project in Wardha District under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 31.56 ha. consisting of Zudpi Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Wardha Irrigation Project, Wardha for construction of Ajansara Barrge Project in favour of Wardha Irrigation Project in Wardha District in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 25.04.2008 and dated 27.05.2022 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forest, Wardha should ensure that fulfillment of condition No. xii mentioned in the letter dated 27.05.2022 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur before actual handing over of the forest land to the user agency.
2. User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 25.04.2008 and dated 27.05.2022, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van

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(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

| Location / Village | Taluka | District | Survey No. | Status of Forest Land | Area (in ha) |
|--------------------|------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Ajansara | Hinganghat | Wardha | 26, 38, 53, 54, 23 | Zudpi Jungle | 31.56 |
| Takali | | | 20 | | |
| Nidha | | | 108 | | |
| Kesurla(kala) | | | 132, 174 | | |
| Kesurla(kh) | | | 1, 2, 3 | | |
| Katri | | | 55, 186 | | |
| Kapsi | | | 24, 25 | | |
| Sawangi (Rith) | | | 65, 66, 84, 88, 75 | | |
| Sonegaon (Raut) | | | 46, 35 | | |
| Kanholi | | | 51, 43, 20, 317, 320 | | |
| Mansawali | | | 326, 327, 343 | | |

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur
6. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.

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8. Collector, Wardha.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Wardha.
10. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha.
12. The Executive Engineer, Wardha Irrigation Division, Wardha.
13. Select File (F-10)

- I. Collector- Wardha, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Wardha and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. The Executive Engineer, Wardha Irrigation Division, Wardha is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.